THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA ) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Fencing has already been erected at all such locations where cattle are likely to approach the track at the approximate cost of Rs. 2.2 crores.

**AC-3 Tier coach in Madurai-Jammutawi Express**

5233. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plan to introduce AC-3 Tier coach in the Madurai-Jammutawi Express to cater the need of the travelling public; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA ): (a) and (b) Provision of AC-3-Tier coaches in long distance overnight trains is an ongoing process subject to traffic pattern, operational feasibility and availability of resources.

**Linking of Jaisalmer and Barmer**

5234. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress of work for construction of 170 km of railway line linking Jaisalmer and Barmer in Rajasthan;

(b) financial allocation on this project:

(c) whether the Railway Board has framed any time schedule for the completion of the work; and

(d) if so, by when the entire project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (d) A survey for construction of rail line between Jaisalmer and Barmer (170 km) in Rajasthan has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 22.95 lakh. Preliminary arrangements are being made to take up the survey. The survey is likely to be completed by March, 2004.

**New trains from Rajasthan**

5235. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) details of new passenger trains contemplated to commence from Rajasthan to other places of the country;

(b) whether there has been any shift from the original plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof, train-wise;